


**REMARKS**

Applicant has amended the claims to address the 35 USC §112 rejections related to claims 1 and 5. Additionally, applicant has amended claims 1, 7, and 8 to add the limitations of allowable claim 6. Applicant is amending the claims for the purpose of overcoming the 35 USC §102 and §103 rejections cited in the Office Action. Applicant does not intend to surrender any range of equivalents not shown in the references upon which the rejections are based.

Applicant submits the claims are now in a condition for allowance and requests the same.

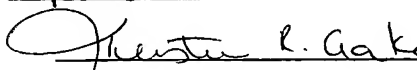
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